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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO THE JULY 12, 2002
OFFICE ACTION**

This Communication is submitted in response to the July 12, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 12, 2002 Office Action is due August 12, 2002. Therefore, this Communication is being timely filed.

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner to whom the application has been assigned has restricted the invention into two groups. Applicant respectfully traverses the above restriction requirement. In response, Applicant would like to elect with traverse, Group II, directed to claims 83-84 for further prosecution of the application.

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

Respectfully submitted,

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